

The Otsego Town Board held a Regular Monthly meeting on the 14th day of March 2018 at the Town Building, Fly Creek, NY at 7:00 PM.

Town Board Members Present:

Meg Kiernan	Supervisor
Thomas Hohensee	Councilperson
Carina Franck	Councilperson
Joseph Potrikus	Councilperson
Bennett Sandler	Councilperson

Also Present:

William Hribar Sr.	Highway Superintendent
Michelle Kennedy	Town Attorney
Pamela Deane	Town Clerk

Supervisor Kiernan called the meeting to order and asked everyone to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Franck, to accept the February 14th minutes as amended.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Supervisor Kiernan read correspondence received since the last regular meeting.

Supervisor Kiernan opened the floor for comments.

John Phillips wanted it made clear that at last months meeting he was not implying that the Town Board purchase land so dog owners would have a place for their dogs to run but he hoped someone would donate land to the Town for that purpose. Phillips also let the Town Board know that the Cider Mill 5K run will be held on April 21st and asked Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar if he would have the route swept by then. All proceeds will go to the Susquehanna Animal Shelter. There will be a fundraiser breakfast at the Fly Creek Fire Hall that same morning.

Supervisor Kiernan closed the floor for comments.

Supervisor Kiernan gave a financial report. The Board discussed the following balances in the various accounts:

General Savings:	\$ 4,699.10	General Checking:	\$ 449,446.19
Highway Savings:	\$ 7,835.62	Hwy Checking:	\$ 623,375.52
Building Reserve Fund:	\$176,314.21	Hwy Equipment Fund:	\$ 298,440.55

MOTION by Councilperson Hohensee seconded by Councilperson Sandler, to accept the financial report.

The Supervisor asked for discussion. Questions were asked about the several accounts

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

MOTION by Councilperson Sandler seconded by Councilperson Franck, to pay the bills and make the necessary transfers.

GENERAL:	#32-#48	\$ 4,800.55
HWY:	#38-#59	\$ 31,824.53

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Dog Control Officer Tom Steele gave his report. Since last meeting he has answered 1 dog running at large call.

Planning Board Member Ted Feury discussed applications now currently being reviewed by the

Planning Board.

It was brought to the Town Boards attention that there is a discrepancy with the online Zoning Map and the official Zoning Map displayed in the Town Building. The hamlet and commercial boundaries are not clearly defined. Supervisor Kiernan volunteered to talk to those in the County Real Property Tax Department to see if they can create a duplicate of the original map.

Councilperson Franck wanted to revisit last months *Complaint Procedure* Discussion. During that discussion it was decided that no anonymous complaints would be addressed and the complainants name would be disclosed to the resident allegedly in violation. Councilperson Franck has since talked to attorneys at the Association of Towns who had a different take on the Complaint Process. The complaint is either legitimate or it is not. The focus should be on the complaint not the complainant. It does not matter if the complainant is anonymous. The complainants name should not be disclosed and can be redacted in a FOIL request. Town Attorney Kennedy added that the complainants name may need to be disclosed in the event the violation goes to court.

Supervisor Kiernan submitted the Complaint Form with the modifications requested at last months meeting.

MOTION by Councilperson Potrikus, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, to approve the Complaint Form as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Potrikus reported that the Heirloom Barn Revision Committee met on March 6th. Councilperson Franck read minutes of the meeting written by Councilperson Potrikus. It was decided that each of the committee members would draft their own perceptions of what the objective of the HBLR (Heirloom Barn Law Revisions) should be, pros and cons of the objectives, limitations the HBLR should have (for example limiting uses in residential area), and how the law can be written to allow flexibility while still maintaining standards of substantially keeping the original architecturally significant portions of the structure intact.

Highway Superintendent William Hribar Sr. gave his report. He stated that he needs a new dump truck. He has a garage full of trucks and equipment that are 10 – 15 years old that break down every time a storm comes. He has three trucks broken down right now. The newest one requires the most maintenance.

Councilperson Potrikus sympathized with him but felt if the Town Board is going to authorized spending \$250,000.00 for one truck and it is going to only last 10 years that means that it loses a value of \$25,000/yr. He asked what the standard maintenance schedule for the equipment was. He felt the purchasing of a new truck should be in a rotation schedule but not every year. If a dump truck is considered old after 10 years that would mean the Town should be purchasing a new dump truck every 1-½ years. He did not think the taxpayers could afford that. He felt maybe one every 4years with a more proactive maintenance schedule such as regular washing of the trucks, regular greasing and oil changes and weekly inspections of the trucks. He asked Hribar to bring to the Board a list of all trucks and a suggested replacement schedule for each truck, lease options, and bid proposals for a new or used truck.

Hribar discussed briefly the bad conditions of the roads. He also expressed his need for a new salt shed and a desire for a sand shed. He has rented a Boom Mower for the month of April. Hribar reported receiving an estimate of \$30,000.00 to pave the area around the Highway Garages on Cemetery Rd.

Councilperson Hohensee reported that he has been in touch with Otsego County Health and Safety Officer Bob Satriano to schedule two Safety Chain Saw Classes in May.

Councilperson Potrikus and Supervisor Kiernan report as the Town Highway Committee, meeting with Highway Superintendent Bill Hribar. Hribar reported that maintenance records are kept on all Town vehicles.

Town Attorney Michelle Kennedy updated the Board on Tripp Hill resident Brian Kegelmann's ongoing complaint. DEC has told her that the new culvert needs to be a minimum of 24 square feet in size. A joint Permit from DEC and the Army Core of Engineers needs to be obtained. For \$1,000 Lamont Engineering will complete the application so long as they do not need to do another field visit. Their

hourly charge is \$124.00/hour. The Town Board discussed replacing the first two culverts on Tripp Hill and the one on Stone House Rd. the two on Tripp Hill empty into.

Kegelmans demand is if the Town Board wants to expand the size of the culverts and increase the size of the easement then the Town needs to pay him for the easement. Instead of the Town paying for an easement he would like a more expansive survey of the watershed issues completed from an independent engineering firm. Town Attorney Kennedy has asked Kegelman to draft a scope of the project he would like to see done and propose an independent engineering firm he would like to see perform that study.

Councilperson Sandler reminded the Board that Jordan Clements at Soil and Water has volunteered to do a study of the area and make a recommendation of the size culvert that should be put in place. He was not sure why the taxpayers should be expected to pay for a third engineer study.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck, seconded by Councilperson Hohensee, authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with Lamont Engineering to complete the permit applications for the replacement of the culvert located on Tripp Hill nearest the Kegelman residence, not to exceed \$1,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Councilperson Sandler reported for the Finance Committee. In planning ahead the following will be reviewed for consideration:

- Highway equipment replacement schedule.
- Capital Improvements. (For example: Salt Shed, Paving of Parking Lots, Town Building Maintenances, and Town Revaluation).
- Review of the Comprehensive Plan
- Investment Portfolio
- Looking at Shared Services
- Flood Mitigation
- CFA funding.

MOTION by Councilperson Franck to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 9:35PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Deane/Town Clerk